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Make Your Voice Heard

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does,"
Margaret Mead.

In an effort to determine public sentiment about a number of City policy issues that may come before the City Council in the future, surveys will be developed for citizen input. The first survey planned will address mandatory curbside recycling. City officials strongly encourage citizens to subscribe online to receive the surveys as they are developed.

Email Lists

Click here to join one of Farmington City's email lists.

To access the survey list, simply visit the City's website at farmington.utah.gov, then do the following:

- ➔ Subscribe by entering your name and email address.
- ➔ Sign up to receive via email each survey the city distributes for public response. (There is an "Email Lists" link on the lower left-hand

side of the home page. Sign up there.)

➔ Submit your completed survey.

It's that simple. Remember your name and email address will be kept confidential and secure so you run no risk by participating.

Farmington City officials are grateful for your support and genuinely appreciate the insights and ideas you're willing to share. The quality of life in a community rarely rises above the vision of its residents and is ever-changing. Let's work together to direct that change toward opportunity and progress!

PLEASE REMEMBER

Farmington City Ordinance states that from November 15 until the last day of February, no vehicle of any kind may be parked in the street right-of-way between 1:00 am and 7:00 am. Traffic citations will be issued to violators.

Buffalo Ranches East Trail Complete

Farmington's Public Works Department has completed a boardwalk through the wetlands on the Buffalo Ranches East Trail. A portion of the boardwalk is pictured above.

If you want to walk the entire trail, access is either from 1100 West, where the railroad right-of-way crosses, or on 1525 West Street south of 150 South Street.

If you just want to see the boardwalk through the wetland area, go to the intersection of Clark Lane and 1525 West, turn south and drive beyond the new LDS church, take the first street east; drive east about 200-300 yards until you see a gravel trail extending south and perpendicular to this street. Follow the trail around the detention pond and you will run into the boardwalk sections. There are two stretches of boardwalk.

Thanks to the Public Works Department for creating another way for residents to access the unique wetlands of Davis County. Take time to check it out!



SCAMS

*a word of warning
from the Farmington
Police Department*

The Farmington Police Department has recently received reports about several scams aimed at cheating well-meaning investors out of their money. We strongly urge our residents to carefully research any financial venture before getting involved in it. Be wary of transactions that are unsolicited or that appear too good to be true. The old adage "If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck and looks like a duck, it probably is a duck" applies in this case.

"Beat the Cheat," an article featured in the January 2009 issue of Reader's Digest, identified several red flags associated with financial scams. Here are several of them:

The caller's English is not proficient.

Lots of money is promised to result from minimal effort.

The offer came in an unsolicited email or phone call.

The e-mail is from someone in Eastern Europe, Asia, or Nigeria.

The offer involves depositing a check, then sending money somewhere through a wire-transfer service.

The offer demands that you must act now.

The offer sounds too good to be true.

To obtain more information on charitable contribution schemes and other types of online schemes, visit www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com.

DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON

Affordable & Green

Farmington's Historic Preservation Commissioners like to brag that many residents moved here after falling in love with the charm of Farmington's historic downtown. The lovely old houses and tree-lined streets are a source of pride for all residents, no matter where in the city they live. But we boast less than we should about downtown's other benefits. With all the publicity about environmental issues and housing affordability, it's time to tout the other ways in which Farmington's historic neighborhoods benefit our community by offering sustainable and affordable housing options. As the adage goes, "the greenest house is the one already built." The reuse of existing housing stock is the ultimate in recycling. Historic homes, constructed of local organic materials, still serve Farmington residents generations after their construction. Big lots provide for open space and home gardens while large street trees help clean and cool the atmosphere. These homes tend to be smaller (average home size in the US grew from 1,000 square feet in the 1950s to over 2,400 square feet in 2005) and less expensive than new houses. There are many rental homes and an abundance of basement and "mother-in-law" apartments scattered throughout downtown as well. So, as you're soaking in the historic charm next time you drive through downtown Farmington, don't forget: there's more to love here than history.

2009 SEASON PARK & POOL RESERVATIONS

beginning January 5

Reservations for the 2009 park and pool season begin on Monday, January 5 for Farmington residents and Monday, January 12 for non-residents.

All reservations must be made in person at the Parks and Recreation Office (720 West 100 North).

No phone reservations will be accepted.

MONDAY – THURSDAY PARK RESERVATION FEES

Resident \$50.00 Deposit / \$25.00 User Fee

Non-resident \$50.00 Deposit / \$50.00 User Fee

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY PARK RESERVATION FEES

Resident \$50.00 Deposit

\$25.00 user fee for first 4 hours / \$5.00 each additional hour

Non-Resident \$50.00 Deposit

\$50.00 user fee for first 4 hours / \$10.00 each additional hour

SWIMMING POOL RESERVATION FEES

Monday - Saturday from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

A partial payment of \$150.00 is required to hold the pool and will be put toward the final fee.

Resident \$300.00

Non-resident \$400.00

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 2009



Jan 6 TUES City Council Meeting 7:00 pm
130 North Main Street for agenda see
farmington.utah.gov

Jan 7 WED Town Hall Meeting 7:00 pm
an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson no agenda
and a City Council Member open discussion

Jan 15 THURS Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
130 North Main Street

Jan 15 THURS City Trails Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
130 North Main Street

Jan 20 TUES City Council Meeting 7:00 pm
130 North Main Street for agenda see
farmington.utah.gov

Jan 21 WED Town Hall Meeting 7:00 pm
an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson no agenda
and a City Council Member open discussion

Jan 22 THURS Pre-Legislative Meeting with 7:00 pm
Senator Greg Bell & Representative Julie Fisher
130 North Main Street

Jan 28 WED Historic Preservation Commission 7:30 pm
130 North Main Street public welcome

Jan 29 THURS Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
130 North Main Street

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Building Inspection.....451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control.....444-2200
Garbage.....825-3800
Benchland Water District...482-4929
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency.....911

Farmington City Hall

130 North Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

FARMINGTON YOUTH CITY COUNCIL
is sponsoring a **DANCE** on Saturday, **JANUARY 10**
at the Community Arts Center. All **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**
are invited. The dance will be from at **8:00 until 11:00 pm**. The
admittance fee will be \$2.00. Money raised will benefit the Children's
Justice Center.

*Thank you to everyone
who donated items in the recent
"Neighbor to Neighbor Response"
drive. Watch the February news-
letter for details on donations and
the great impact Farmington had
in contributing to those in need.*

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 451-0953



Farmington Flash Soccer

Sign-ups for Spring League
January 12-Feb 27
\$35/resident
\$50/non-resident

Boys' Jr. High Comp

Basketball League
Sign-ups Feb 9-Feb 13
\$350/team
Tuesday night play

Boys' High School Comp

Basketball League
Sign-ups Feb 9-Feb 13
\$350/team
Wednesday night play

Men's Basketball League

Sign-ups February 9-February 13
\$350/team
Thursday night play

Check Farmington's Website for complete information on all

COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSES

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CERAMICS

CLOGGING

ARTS & CRAFTS

WAYS OF WATERCOLOR

GUITAR

ADULT BEGINNING WATERCOLOR

DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKING

PLEASE NOTE: Early bird season passes for the swimming pool are on sale NOW until May 15.

Fabulous Ballroom Dance Class

January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27
March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17
7:30-10:00 pm
\$7 per couple/residents
\$10 per couple/non-residents
Advance pay for all 8 classes only
\$50 per couple/residents
\$70 per couple/non-residents

Miss Farmington Orientation

Interested contestants between ages 17-23 and their mothers
February 7
10:00 am
Community Arts Center

Miss Farmington Pageant is looking for a director-elect who will shadow the current director to take over the pageant next year. Please contact Sueann Phillips at 447-8458

Directors, producers, event coordinators & committee members wanted for the 2009 season. Interested persons should contact Stephanie Paget at 682-9918 or spaget@farmington.utah.gov

the arts

Storytelling Festival "Once Upon a Time..."

January 24
1:00-3:00 pm / small per child fee
Community Arts Center
Dress up as your favorite princess, prince or other storybook character. Great fun for the whole family! Refreshments and make-n-take book provided. To donate or participate contact Stephanie Paget at 682-9918 or spaget@farmington.utah.gov

Youth Theatre Announces Auditions for "Seussical Jr"

Ages 8-18 invited to auditions
January 8, 6:00-8:00 pm
and January 10, 9:00-11:00 am
\$15 participation fee/resident
\$25 participation fee/non-resident
\$75 refundable volunteer deposit due at the time of audition
Parents must come to sign forms
Performance dates March 26-29

Spring Dinner Theatre Auditions

February 5
7:00-9:00 pm
Community Arts Center
Ages 18+
Come prepared with 1-2 minute monologue
Performance dates April 29-30 and May 1-2

Milo and Ora Kirkham are long-time, committed residents of Farmington. When we sat down to interview them for the January newsletter, it was shortly before Christmas. Naturally, our conversation drifted toward the past. Memories came alive, and the feeling of peace and goodwill was powerful. Rather than our usual biographical sketch, we thought we'd use the space here to let Milo tell the story of his favorite Christmas. It's a tale of generosity, family, and community—and we think it captures the spirit that prevails year-round in the City of Farmington.

My mother was a widow at the beginning of the Depression with three kids under four-and-a-half years old. I was one of them. Finally after several years, in 1934—about 75 years ago—she had fifty dollars and was able to put a down payment on a house. She was able to get it for nine hundred dollars. I was about nine then, my sister was about seven, and my brother Doug was about five.

Not long before Christmas, she came to us and said, "I only have a few dollars for Christmas, but I don't think we should buy any presents. Doug's shoes have big holes and I think we should buy him a new pair of shoes."

My sister cried and was upset. She wanted a Christmas tree. She said it wouldn't be Christmas without a Christmas tree. But I said, "Yes, Doug needs those shoes."

During the Depression, if you didn't have good shoes and didn't have money,

you'd wear the soles right though and get these big holes, and you'd have to put cardboard in there and wear that for awhile. So Doug really needed new shoes.

My mother said, "I'll let you kids go up to JC Penney and buy Doug a new pair of shoes." We lived out in Sugarhouse.

Well, my sister wouldn't go. She was crying and upset because she wanted a Christmas tree. So, Doug and I left.



Milo & Ora Kirkham
in their cherry orchard

You're probably saying "Why would a mother let two kids walk up and buy the shoes?" But back then, kids were safe in business areas, and the business people usually took care of kids who were honest. They were usually helpful. And besides, my mother had enough to do with taking care of the house. There wasn't shopping in those days.

So Doug and I walked up to the Sugarhouse JC Penney and we looked all through the different shoes, and finally I came over and said, "Why don't we buy you a cheap pair? Then if we have any money left over, we'll go see if we can buy a tree." He agreed.

So we got him the shoes, and we still had fifty cents. We ran across the street,

21st South up there, to a tree lot. We looked all around, and the trees were too much—a dollar, a dollar and a half, two dollars, three dollars. Finally we'd about given up when we saw one little tree, and we pulled it out: sixty cents. "We've only got fifty cents!" We realized we weren't going to be able to do it.

So we started to walk away, but the lot owner came over and said, "Well boys, did you find a tree that you wanted?" We explained to him that we didn't have enough money. But he said, "Well, maybe I've got a little one I can find for you." He reached over and pulled out that tree, the sixty-center. Then he asked, "You like this one?" We were quick to say yes, so he told us, "If you'll wait 'til the end of the day and it's still here, then you can have her."

It was a cold, miserable day. But we waited and waited. Finally we went back, and the tree was

there. So we paid our fifty cents and dragged our little tree home through the snow drifts. By that time it was dark, and my mother was frantic. Our sister was crying because she thought it was her fault. We came to the door, and they saw the tree. My sister started to scream! They were both so surprised and happy. She still tells me that was about the best Christmas she's ever had.

It was one of the best our family has had.

Thanks to Milo and Ora Kirkham for sharing your experiences and insight. The city is grateful for the spirit of kindness and commitment you bring to our community!



the straight scoop

It's not just considerate to keep your dog on a leash or within a fenced yard—it's the law. And although your furry friend is adorable, what it leaves behind in public areas is not. City ordinance requires dog owners to pick up and dispose of animal waste. Please be responsible and keep our city beautiful and safe for everyone.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Saturday, January 10

Trees should be at the curb by 6:00 am

Trees over 6 feet tall must be cut in half

Uncover trees if buried in the snow

Crews will only make one pass through the city, so please be ready

NOTICE TO FARMINGTON RESIDENTS

A "Pre-Legislative Meeting" with Senator Greg Bell and Representative Julie Fisher will be held Thursday, January 22, 7:00 pm at the Farmington City Hall, 130 North Main Street.

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